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open only on the hour for pleasure craft. The draw shall open on signal at any time for commercial vessels, for a vessel in distress, or for an emergency aboard a vessel. When the draw is open for a commercial vessel, waiting pleasure craft shall be passed.

[CGD8-90-10, 56 FR 14644, Apr. 11, 1991]

#### § 117.969 Lavaca River.

The draws of the Union Pacific railroad bridge, mile 11.2, and the highway bridge, mile 11.2, both at Vanderbilt, shall open on signal if at least 48 hours notice is given. In emergencies, the draws shall open as soon as possible.

#### § 117.971 Neches River.

The draw of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad bridge, mile 53.9 at Evadale, need not be opened for the passage of vessels.

#### § 117.975 Old Brazos River.

The draw of the Union Pacific railroad bridge, mile 4.4 at Freeport, shall be maintained in the fully open position, except for the crossing of trains or for maintenance.

#### § 117.977 Pelican Island Causeway, Galveston Channel.

The draw of the Pelican Island Causeway bridge, mile 356.1 across Galveston Channel at Galveston, shall open on signal; except that, from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., 12 noon to 1 p.m., and 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Monday through Friday except Federal holidays, the draw need not be opened for passage of vessels. Public vessels of the United States and vessels in distress shall be passed at any time.

[CGD08-94-024, 59 FR 42758, Aug. 19, 1994]

#### § 117.979 Sabine Lake.

The draw of the S82 bridge, mile 10.0 at Port Arthur, shall open on signal; except that, from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., the draw shall open on signal if at least six hours notice is given to the Maintenance Construction Supervisor or the Maintenance Foreman at Port Arthur.

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#### § 117.981 Sabine River.

See § 117.493, Sabine River, listed under Louisiana.

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#### § 117.983 Sabine River (Old Channel) behind Orange Harbor Island.

The draw of the highway bridge, mile 9.5 at Orange, need not be opened for the passage of vessels.

[CGD 08-84-08, 50 FR 19527, May 9, 1985]

#### § 117.984 San Bernard River.

The draw of the Union Pacific railroad bridge, mile 20.7 near Brazoria, shall open on signal; except that, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., the draw shall open on signal if at least three hours notice is given.

[CGD 08-84-14, 50 FR 15743, Apr. 22, 1985]

#### § 117.987 Taylor Bayou.

The draws of the Union Pacific railroad bridge, mile 2.0, and the S73 bridge, mile 10.2, both at West Port Arthur, need not be opened for the passage of vessels.

#### § 117.989 Trinity River.

The draws of the Union Pacific Railroad bridges, mile 41.4 at Liberty, mile 54.8 at Kenefick, mile 117.3 at Goodrich, mile 181.8 at Riverside, and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad bridge, mile 96.2 at Romayor, need not be opened for the passage of vessels.

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#### § 117.991 Victoria Channel.

The draw of the Union Pacific railroad automated bridge, mile 29.4 near Bloomington, operates as follows:

(a) The draw is not constantly manned and is normally in the down position, providing a vertical clearance of 22 feet above mean high water.

(b) Three prolonged blasts of a horn or whistle from an approaching vessel activates navigational approach detectors, located one-half mile upstream and downstream from the bridge. If the draw is inoperable, the vessel's sound signals activate an alarm to alert bridge maintenance crews.